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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/808,725

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR  
LAUNCHING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT,  
INCLUDING RELEASABLY GRIPPING  
AIRCRAFT DURING LAUNCH AND  
BRAKING SUBSEQUENT GRIP MOTION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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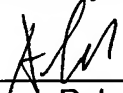
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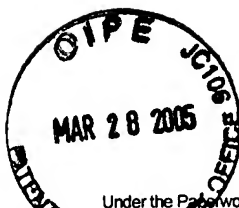
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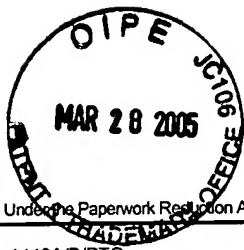
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